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Federal NDP candidate chosen

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Staff Reporter

With rumblings of a federal election anticipated in the coming months, the local ballot is beginning to fill up with choices.

On Jan. 31 the local NDP riding association selected Mike Perry to be their candidate for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock.

Winning the nomination on the first ballot, Perry was overwhelmed by the support he received in a record turnout at the nomination meeting held in Lindsay last weekend.

"It was a packed house," he said. "People are interested."

Perry was up against two other individuals for the position, former NDP candidate Lyn Edwards and Linda Cowan-Griffith.

Perry officially put his name into the nomination race last fall, deciding it was time to jump into federal politics.

"I've always been involved in the community as a volunteer," he said. "I find community issues are important to all of us. To me this was taking community service to the next level and seeing how we can make the federal government work for us here locally."

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Student voices

Deloris Bailey, a Minden resident and a Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student from 1959, addresses the gathering of Haliburton high school students who walked out of classes on Monday, Feb. 2 to show support for recently transferred vice-principal Gord Wood. Bailey, who was there with other citizens and parents to support the students, said the Trillium Lakelands District School Board was not applying their own mission statement, which in part says students are the focus of the system. See more on page 2.

Darren Lum / Staff

Carillion and province set to make changes

CHAD INGRAM
Staff Reporter

The province will be making some changes to provincial highway maintenance in Haliburton County after municipal political leaders and MPP Laurie Scott met with representatives of the Ministry of Transportation and contractor Carillion on Jan. 27.

This year marks the third winter in a 10-year contract between the province and Carillion for the winter maintenance of provincial highways in the county. Residents have complained about the marked drop in the quality of maintenance during that time and some townships have sent correspondence to the province voicing their concern.

"We all had a ton of problems we wanted to talk about," Scott told the paper. "They have been listening." Scott's office has been receiving complaints about highway maintenance and she's been collecting signatures for a petition. The MPP said the reps from Carillion were aware of the complaints and that the company's reputation in Haliburton County and other communities she represents was not sterling. Scott had three separate meetings with the MTO and Carillion Tuesday, all dealing with highway maintenance in different parts of her Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock riding.

Among improvements is the addition of a contingency truck at the yard off Highway 35 south of Minden.

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The Frost Fest King

Haliburton Highlands Museum curator Steve Hill is excited to be given the honour of being this year's Frost Festival Ambassador. Hill will be on site at the festival, which is set to take place Feb. 14 in Head Lake Park and Haliburton Village, greeting everyone both young and old. The full-day event includes free activities such as pony rides, showshoe games, crafts, dogsledding adventures and more. Frost Fest is an annual initiative of the municipality and the Haliburton BIA. More info can be found online at www.frostfest.ca.

Angelica Blenich /Staff



15-year-old crashes snowmobile into tree

A 15-year-old boy was airlifted to St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto last week after crashing his snowmobile into a tree at the Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve.

On Jan. 28 at approximately 12:15 p.m. OPP officers, Haliburton County Paramedic Service and Dysart et al firefighters responded to the single vehicle crash.

Officers at the scene were advised that a snowmobile lost control and collided with a tree.

The lone driver of the snowmobile was air lifted with serious but non-life-threatening injuries to St. Michael's Hospital.

According to provincial constable Dianna Dauphinee, the male was wearing a helmet at the time of the collision and alcohol was not a factor in the crash.

"He was the only occupant on his snowmobile," she said, adding it was a witness who contacted the police.

The investigation is ongoing and further information will be released when available.

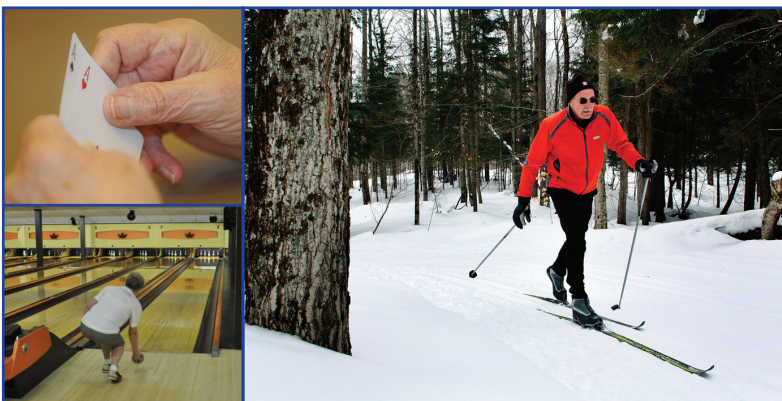
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Acting vice-principal appointed at high school

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Staff Reporters

Following the transfer of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School vice-principal Gord Wood to a school in Cobocok, Trillium Lakelands District School Board has announced a new individual to fill the position.

HHSS English teacher David Waito has been appointed the acting vice-principal, set to fill the position until the end of the school year, TLDSB director of communications Catherine Shedden told the paper.

"It's typical for principals and vice-principals to be shuffled again at the end of the school year," said Shedden. "It's also an opportunity, and again this is something that's quite common across our board, to give upcoming leaders opportunities to try the role."

Wood was transferred to the position of vice-principal of Ridgewood Public School in Cobocok.

"That was a school that needed a vice-principal," said Shedden.

Students from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School walked out of class this past Monday morning, occupying the entire front lobby of the school to show their appreciation and support for the recently transferred vice-principal.

Several students stood on a bench, asking that the vice-principal be returned to Haliburton and describing what Wood meant to them. Examples included his efforts to ensure there was a girls' rugby team, the academic encouragement he gave to students and how he simply treated students with respect and dignity.

The students shared the opportunity to speak with parents and private citizens such as former student Deloris Bailey of 1959.

Bailey, with a tremble in her voice, read from her letter to the board dated Jan. 27 and said the board is not adhering to its own mission statement, which in part says students are the focus, schools are a reflection of the community and that it strives to consider students' needs in all decisions.

She said this decision was a surprise to her and the students.

"We might be older, and hopefully wiser than young people, but often they pleasantly surprise us. Listen to what they have to say and keep Mr. Wood at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School," she read.

Another adult said she was proud of the students, reminding them to always stand up for what is right and always ask why.

Not all of the students participated in the walk out.

Shedden said the board had received a few calls and letters from members of the public during the past week but reiterated the decision would not be reversed.



The entranceway to the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School was filled with students, parents and citizens during a planned walkout to express displeasure at the recent transfer of former vice-principal Gord Wood by the Trillium Lakelands District School Board on Monday, Feb. 2.

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Care co-ordinators hit the picket line

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Staff Reporter

Haliburton's handful of Community Care Access Centre nurses were picketing in minus-16-degree weather Jan. 30 after negotiations between the Ontario Nurses' Association and the provincial government fell apart.

CCAC health-care professionals, who have taken a two-year wage freeze, are seeking an increase that brings their pay in line with those who work in hospitals, public health and long-term care homes.

"We're asking for equal pay for nurses across the province," said Fraenzi Morissette, a local care co-ordinator and registered nurse. "They're just not meeting, reasonably, what we're asking for."

There are some 3,500 CCAC employees represented by the ONA throughout the province. They include care co-ordinators, direct care nurse practitioners, rapid response registered nurses, registered practical nurses and other health-care professionals.

"We care for you in your homes, schools and communities," ONA president Linda Haslam-Stroud said in a press release. "With government pushing more and more health services out of hospitals and into the community, we are your only guaranteed community health advocates. Being forced to withdraw our services is not an easy decision to make, but the employer has left us with no other choice."

Placards carried by striking workers in Haliburton bore slogans such as, "I arrange help for your mom at home," and "I help your dad get a bed in a nursing home."

Local members will picket weekdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. until the strike concludes.



Nurses with Haliburton's Community Care Access Centre strike outside HHHS on Jan. 30. The local health-care professionals are seeking pay equity with hospital nurses.

Chad Ingram /Staff

Same-day appointments available with family health team

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a Jan. 29 Haliburton Highlands Health Services board meeting.

Same-day appointments are available with doctors at the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team and can be booked by calling the health team Monday through Friday, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Chief of staff Dr. Greg Karaguesian said the community at large didn't seem aware of this service. Both non-registered and registered patients may make appointments.

HHHS to rebrand

HHHS has received \$50,000 in funding for the rebranding of the organization.

"It's been 15 years since we developed our logos," said CEO Varouj Eskedjian.

"We've got to look towards the future as well when we're designing our communications strategies."

The work will be put out to tender for those with design experience, the decision coming back to the board.

Minden ER busier

The emergency room at the Minden HHHS site sees more traffic than its Haliburton counterpart.

"We were dead even about 10 years ago," Karaguesian told board members.

While the Haliburton ER receives some 11,000 annual visits, the Minden facility sees more like 13,500.

"I think a lot of that has to do with that we have the vast majority of family physicians here [in Haliburton]," Karaguesian said.

Eskedjian added that Minden is also closer to the border with the City of Kawartha Lakes and receives patients from the northern portion of the neighbouring municipality.

Kids determine care

"In Ontario, children have the right to refuse medical treatment," Eskedjian told board members.

There's been focus on this issue after an 11-year-old girl from the New Credit First Nation died earlier this month after stopping cancer treatments in favour of natural alternatives.

Most provinces have a minimum age at which people exercise full discretion over their medical care. In Manitoba, it's 16. In Quebec, teenagers must pass a test to become "mature minors" at 14.

Privacy breach

Some 578 patients of Lakeridge Health in Oshawa recently discovered there had been a breach of their personal health information, which had been handled by 14 staff members not qualified to do so during a 10-year period.

"It's a serious matter," said Eskedjian, adding there had been similar privacy breaches in Rouge Valley and at Peter-

borough Regional Health Centre. "To my knowledge, we haven't had any breaches of this type of information."

The CEO said staff are reminded to only send records if they're directly involved in a patient's care.

A multi-million-dollar class action lawsuit stemming from a breach in Peterborough could set a precedent with serious financial ramifications for health institutions.

Director Len Logozar found the breach, and how long it has taken to come light, alarming.

"That's a scary one," Logozar said.

Telemedicine well used

Some 500 clinical visits took place through HHHS's telemedicine portals during the first nine months of the 2014/15 year and Eskedjian said physicians are more readily looking at telemedicine, which digitally connects patients and care givers with health professionals in other locations, as an option.

County to acquire debt for 2015 budget

Treasurer says time to consider a loan as county faces mounting pressures and shrinking reserves

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

In a rare move, Haliburton County councillors have decided the municipality will take out a loan as they prepare the 2015 budget.

The upper tier is facing mounting financial pressures and shrinking reserves and during a Jan. 28 council meeting, treasurer Laura Janke recommended councillors consider borrowing.

"I'm proposing this," Janke said. "I'm not not jumping up and down, but I'm saying it is time to consider it."

Financial pressures include a large 2014 deficit expected to be approximately \$500,000, much of that in the roads department and stemming from severe weather and snowfall last winter, as well as flooding

throughout the county around Canada Day.

The county is losing another \$136,000 in equalization payments from the province through the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund this year, the roads department is seeking an additional \$100,000 for its winter maintenance reserve and the Dark Lake bridge requires nearly \$300,000 worth of work.

The draft roads budget is some \$6 million.

The overall draft budget has a levy increase of \$1.5 million over last year. While growth – new taxes – will contribute about \$404,000, that leaves an increase of some \$1.1 million the county would have to raise through taxation, if the work laid out in the budget is to be completed.

Its new EMS base is under construction off Highway 35, the building costs for which are approximately \$1.2 million and with HST, contingency and land costs, the county will need to borrow some \$1.7 million for the project.

"But we're not putting any of our own capital into that," Janke said. "That is borrowing 100 per cent of the costs."

With the levy rising from last year's \$13 million to \$14.1 million, it would mean a tax increase of 8.5 per cent at the county level.

In recent years, the county has drawn on reserves to help keep property taxes down. Last year's increase at the upper-tier level was two per cent.

The county's reserves dropped by \$827,000 in 2014, due largely to the deficit. By the end of this year, it's expected total reserves will be approximately \$2.3 million.

Auditors indicate that to be healthy, a municipality's reserves should be in the neighbourhood of a half a year's tax levy, so in the case of the county, about \$7 mil-

lion.

The county has been debt-free for the past few years and has been turned down for grants because of it. Councillors reasoned one silver lining of taking on some debt may be that grants get easier to come by.

"We've been told straight up we're in too good a financial position," Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt said.

Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin didn't want to see necessary projects overlooked in the interest of keeping taxes down and noted this had led to infrastructure failings in other municipalities, such as Toronto.

"In the interest of keeping taxes low, there have been things that have been let go," Devolin said.

Councillors indicated they'd be comfortable borrowing as much as \$2 million.

"It's like a cottage on West Shore," said Dysart el al Reeve Murray Fearrey. "We're talking about the debt level of the county."

Scenarios drawn up by Janke showed that a \$2 million loan could be paid off with installments of \$697,000 during three years for a total of \$2.09 million or installments of \$431,000 during five years for a total of \$2.15 million.

Rather than pick a target percentage to aim for, councillors agreed they'd wait and see what kind of revised draft Janke comes back with in March.

"I'd like to see what the \$2 million could bring us to and then go from there," said Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen.

Moffatt said she didn't think many residents realized the amount of work that goes into the back end of their tax bill.

"We're not sitting around with a tub of gin and a deck of cards doing budget discussions," Moffatt said.

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HHOA to keep \$10,000 grant from the county

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Staff Reporter

The Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association, which operates the Haliburton Fish Hatchery, will keep a \$10,000 grant from Haliburton County for 2015.

The association has received municipal funding for a number of years, at one time as much as \$25,000 annually.

During the past few years, the county has made an attempt to wean some organizations that rely on municipal funding off its dime.

Last year, council asked the HHOA to tangibly demonstrate how the hatchery contributed to the county's tourism economy and at least one member says it's failed to do so.

"We made a deal and they didn't follow through on that," Algonquin Highlands Reeve and county tourism committee chairwoman Carol Moffatt said during a Jan. 28 council meeting.

Earlier in the meeting, HHOA president Rex Henry gave a presentation on the association, accompanied by a video detailing operations and programming at the hatchery, which it has been operating for the past 15 years.

"Last year we surpassed half a million fish stocked, which was a significant milestone," Henry told councillors, adding the hatchery attracts about 2,000 tourists a year.

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— Rex Henry
HHOA president

It offers children's programming and volunteering opportunities for high school students, who work alongside the nearly 60 volunteers who keep the hatchery running.

"County council has asked how 2014 funding was used to benefit tourism," Henry said. "The \$10,000 Haliburton County funding for 2014 was used to pay part of the \$26,000 salary paid to our full-time office administrator. The balance of those dollars were raised by HHOA volunteers through fundraising dinners, auctions, garage sales and membership dues."

Henry said without the position, the association would try to continue to produce fish, but would not be able to keep the hatchery's doors open to the public.

"I'm not going to die on this hill, I think what they do is fabulous," Moffatt said, though reiterating she thought the association had failed to present tangible proof of its contribution to tourism.

"I believe they believe they've given us that," said Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen.

Moffatt suggested if funding was going to continue, the county strike some kind of collaborative agreement with the association, including goals, "not to challenge them, but to help them be better at what it is they're doing."

Tourism director Amanda Virtanen thought it was troublesome that money from the county's tourism budget had been used to a pay a staff member.

Dysart el al Reeve Murray Fearrey contended the association was different than other organizations because it had an expensive facility to maintain.

"None of these other organizations are doing that," Fearrey said. "They're one of a kind. Their hydro bill is just unbelievable."

The association's 2014 actuals showed its electricity bill at nearly \$17,000. Its overall expenses for the year totalled just more than \$100,000, its overall revenues just more than \$80,000.

Councillors left the \$10,000 grant in the draft budget. Council has yet to give the budget final approval.

Province will be installing camera on Dover's Hill

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A recent letter to the editor traced a treacherous trip up the highway. When the author reached the yard, he was told the truck that looked after that area had broken down and there wasn't one to replace it with.

Scott said there would also be integration of communications, not only between Carillion operators in various districts – much of the county is located in what the province refers to as its Huntsville district – but between Carillion and local municipalities.

In Dysart et al, the province will be installing a high-definition camera on Dover's Hill, just east of Haliburton Village on Highway 118, to keep an eye on conditions.

Carillion will also make route adjustments so that

high-risk areas such as Dover's Hill and the hill near Miner's Bay are cleared earlier and more frequently.

"They will go east on 118 [when they leave Haliburton Village] rather than west, first," Fearrey said.

While highways 35 and 118 are currently Class 3 roadways throughout much of the county, Fearrey said he believes that 118 actually has enough traffic to be considered a Class 2 road, which has higher maintenance standards. Roads are classified based on the volume of traffic they receive.

"We're saying we think there are more than 2,000 cars from West Guilford [into Haliburton Village]," Fearrey said.

"We talked about public concerns, of course, but specifically about Dover's Hill, the tow plows, plow routes and the very strange change of road classification halfway across Highway 118 west at Clear Lake," Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt told the paper. "Since there's no town at that reclassification point, I asked for further details and they will provide us with the traffic counts. It makes no sense the change of the classification there, especially when the Haliburton section gets the lower classification. MTO is fielding a tremendous amount of feedback on the maintenance issue and they concede that they continue to tweak and work on the contract."

Unwind Local - and that's final

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Haliburton County councillors are standing firmly behind the tourism department's new Unwind Local campaign.

That campaign, being spread through a series of promotional videos, was unveiled at a Jan. 14 tourism committee meeting, where it was supported by the committee and the first video subsequently released.

While reaction has been generally positive, there have been some negative comments about the slogan's poor grammar, which is intentional, capitalizing on the "eat local" and "shop local" trends.

Some critics have said, via social media and letters to the editor, the slogan makes the community seem like it's comprised of a bunch of hicks.

"I think the sophistication of the video counteracts any concerns around that," said tourism director Amanda Virtanen, who stressed the campaign was just that, a

campaign, and not a brand. "We've decided the target audience is pleased with the video."

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt noted the negative feedback was specifically about the grammar, not the marketing.

"We have someone who has many years of very high-end marketing experience," Moffatt said of Virtanen, who's held positions with a number of major companies including Toronto PR agency Cohn & Wolfe.

Moffatt added those criticizing the campaign on social media and using the hashtag #MyHaliburtonHighlands should stop it.

Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin thought the larger audience understood the strategic advantage of capitalizing on the "local" trend.

"I think it's great and everybody else can just shut up about it," said Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen.

Council supported the campaign with a resolution.

"Thank you very much for your support," Virtanen said. "We can all move on now."

Perry looks to bring change to riding

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Involved with the NDP riding association for some time, Perry won the local nomination about 10 years ago but had to withdraw for health reasons, he said.

Raised in Fenelon Falls, Perry, 44, is a lawyer and social worker and currently the executive director of the Kawartha Lakes Family Health Team, a position he will hold until the election is called, he said.

"I've got long-time family roots [in the area]," he said. "Our family land is still in Kinmount from my great grandfather's homesteading days."

Perry wears many volunteer hats, including being chairman of the Bobcaygeon Food Bank, a governor of Fleming College and has also worked in Ottawa with the federal government in the areas of international law.

He has always been attracted to the NDP because of its connection to working families and its history in the political landscape of this country, he said.

"To me the NDP has always stood up for the little guy and always put people first," he said. "They are very much about community and so am I and that was the best fit for my values."

There has never been an NDP candidate elected MP since the HKLB riding was established, a fact Perry is acutely aware of, however he is up for the challenge.

"We were NDP provincially in the 1990s and we did come in second here, federally, in the last election," he said. "I've been really encouraged by the people I talk to. There definitely is a sense of change and wanting politics to be about communities again. I love a good challenge and we're going to work very, very hard to run a great campaign and convince people it is possible."

Issues Perry will speak to throughout his campaign include health care, the environment and childcare for working families.

"Let's start by taking jobs and developing the local economy. That's got to be job one," he said. "Our income level is under the provincial average and that's not acceptable."

Perry also points to reducing taxes for small business and advocating for funding from Ottawa for both the arts and green economies as issues he is passionate about.

"We've done the whole tax and spending cuts ... for 160 years with the traditional parties. It's time to be bold. Bold times mean bold steps," he said. "We've tried the other way, why would we keep repeating the same old tired attempt?"

When he was selected as the local candidate, Perry said he felt honoured and can't wait to start campaigning.

"It's moving to see people have confidence in me and be so interested in a new choice and in the NDP. It's exhilarating too and I'm ready to go."



Skating in the sun

Haliburton's Mercedes VanMeer, left, skates with Christina Berning of Wilberforce on the Kraft Skating Oval on a sunny and warm Wednesday in Head Lake Park in Haliburton. Berning was shopping in town when she decided to visit with her friend and skate a few laps on the new ice surface.

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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

Finding our MP

I CAN DISTINCTLY remember four years ago, following the federal election and watching Prime Minister Stephen Harper win a majority government, that the next time this county would be heading to the polls was the year I would be turning 30.

At the time I couldn't decide what was a more depressing thought, having Harper as our national leader for four years or turning 30.

Four years with a majority government seemed like an eternity and yet, here we are. Sometime this year Canadians will be heading to the polls to select an MP for this riding and a prime minister for our country.

While no one yet knows when the election will be, speculation persists that the prime minister will wait until the fall, meaning we will all be heading to the polls likely in October.

One thing we already know for sure is that with current MP Barry Devolin's announcement he would be stepping away from politics, Haliburton County residents will have a new federal representative by the end of this year.

Last summer the local Conservative riding association acclaimed Jamie Schmale as the candidate.

The long-time right-hand man of Devolin, Schmale got a head start on the campaign trail and has been seen at many public events during the past few months.

While Schmale has the advantage of having worked closely with Devolin for the past number of years, his youth (he's not yet 40) might present a challenge for him when it

comes to conveying experience.

As of this week we have been presented with a second choice, that of NDP candidate Mike Perry.

The executive director of the Kawartha Family Health Team, Perry is familiar with the riding through his professional career and many volunteer roles, which include the Bobcaygeon Food Bank, governor of Fleming College and Community Living Kawartha Lakes.

With a vast resume that includes being a lawyer and social worker, Perry should have no trouble relating to voters and getting his message across.

However, Perry has his work cut out for him, as this riding has never sent an NDP representative to the House of Commons before.

A candidate has yet to be picked by the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock Liberal riding association, which has one individual running thus far.

William MacCallum has been selected as the HKLB Green Party candidate. A high school teacher at I.E. Weldon in Lindsay, MacCallum offers voters another option on a ballot filled with new names.

In office since 2004, Devolin's departure from politics leaves us with what looks to be an interesting and fresh political race.

In the 2011 election the MP took 60 per cent of the vote, a whopping majority for any politician to achieve.

His exit not only gives way for an up and coming representative, but for new conversations, views and issues to make their way to this riding.

Let the campaigning begin!

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Angelica Blenich



Winter Sky

by Darren Lum

February fun

THE BIA IS HAVING a snowman contest. Come to town and see our snowmen! They are inviting you to Frost Fest on Saturday, Feb. 14. Bring the whole family to the Dysart el al day of winter play. The crowning of the ambassador and pancake breakfast will start the day. There's pony rides, snowshoe games, broomball, horse-drawn wagon rides, kids' dogsledding and ice fishing, too. Enjoy maple treats and great food at the Lions' barbecue. Warm up the kids with stories and crafts at the Rails End Gallery. Everyone is sure to enjoy the Polar Bear Plunge while raising money for the Sick Kids Eye Project or the HHHS Palliative Care Wing. Have you made your pledge yet? Then you can complete the day with a lasagne dinner. Please look for the Frost Fest advertisements or visit www.frost-fest.ca for a complete list of times and activities.

February also means it's time for the BIA annual general meeting (AGM) taking place on Monday, Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. at the municipal offices. New this year will be our annual report for 2014 that provides a comprehensive outline of our sales promotions, beautification projects, special events, our work with the Haliburton Echo Midnight Madness event, our support of community organizations/ community events, and the guest presenters at monthly BIA meetings. Copies of the 2014 annual report will be available at the AGM or can be obtained by contacting haliburtonbia@mail.com. You are invited to attend the AGM and join us as we elect the new

executive and look ahead to the future. All are welcome and "items from the floor" give voice to your thoughts and ideas!

February in the Highlands would not be complete without a little hockey talk! Hockey is so much more than the Leafs. (Good thing. Yes, I am a Leafs fan and yes, you can watch Leafs games from wherever you may be). Hockey in Haliburton is kids, like my little grandson learning to skate and play the game, and adults, like my daughter playing for fun with a group of women.

It is the excitement of Matt Duchene and a gold medal and his visit to my grandson's class. Hockey is so much a part of who we are as Canandians. Small town hockey is so much a part of who we are as people who choose to live in the Highlands. So, even if your hockey days are all over and your Leafs are disappointing you once again, keep the faith for the generations to come.

I still love to go and watch the kids play and there is nothing that can compare to a family skate and game on outdoor ice or lake. It brings back so many wonderful memories: from my husband coaching for many years to our sons in tournaments and me cheering so loud, saying (my cheer at all sports) "like you can." Positive thoughts only in my world.

And, one more thing, please vote Haliburton as Kraft Hockeyville. Anything we can do to promote and enhance our arena and our home town is a worthwhile endeavour. Visit www.khv2015.ca/en/nominations/profile/aj-larue-arena-1/.

Enjoying my work as the Haliburton Village BIA administrator and looking forward to more fun times ahead in 2015!

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Gail Stelter

the village



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points of view

An ailment of my own

SOME PEOPLE HAVE a keen mind, kind eyes, a nice smile or a good heart. I have lazy bowels.

This is not something I'm proud of, but I will admit, when the doctor told me this might be the cause of recent discomfort, I thought "Finally, I have a good response to offer when people ask 'How are you now?'"

Better still, armed with this possibility, I can walk into any coffee shop in the country and have something meaningful to contribute to the conversation.

Sure, a lazy bowel might not be as glamorous as an irritable one but at least it's something to talk about. This might not seem like a big deal but it is. You see, being associated with an ailment is important when you get to be my age. It's what you talk about in social settings after all the speculation about the weather, and talk of how things were better when we were kids, is done.

Sadly, up till now, the best I could muster up was a receding hairline. That meant when I met other men in their 50s, I had to sit on the sidelines while they all took turns describing their bad knees, goiters, sore backs or how acid reflux is causing them to give up spicy foods. Oh sure, I'd sometimes lie about having scarlet fever or perhaps a crick in my elbow just to be one of the boys but I think



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Loon Tales

they all knew.

Well, those days are over.

Now that I might have lazy bowels I can hardly wait for an opening in the conversation.

Don't worry though. I'm not going to let this go to my head.

I'm not going to get too attached to it either.

The problem is lazy bowel is treatable by the simple acts of adding more fibre to your diet, drinking more water and walking to a few more places every day.

Thankfully in some ways that makes it all the more special too.

That's because I know what I have will soon pass – which, interestingly enough, is not a phrase often associated with lazy bowels.

Maybe I'm getting a bit too sentimental here, but I liken my relationship with lazy bowels to a brief summer fling. I know it will end but while it's here I want to cherish every moment.

If I seem OK with lazy bowels, it's mostly because I'm an optimist. While everyone sees the down side to this ailment I think they forget there is an upside too.

For instance, so long as I have this I'll never need to use a Porta Potty.

I'm sure there are other things too.

I will say that I am a little disappointed by the name. You've got to admit it seems a tad insensitive. In truth, when the doctor said I might have lazy bowel I wanted to say something disparaging about his gall bladder.

Lazy, after all, is a horrible label to place on anyone's bowels and one that you would think would not be permitted in these days of political correctness.

If I had my way, I would replace it with the word unambitious, hesitant, reticent or, better yet, use the phrase "laid back." Yes, I find that a little less offensive.

Besides, I imagine the lazy part will be gone one day – when my bowels finally get around to it.



pic of the past

This photo of Minden's main street was taken in 1967. It was found on a postcard and submitted by Lisa Robertson. The photo was taken looking west down Bobcaygeon Rd.

letters to the editor

A little help here, MTO

To the Editor,

There has been a lot of talk these days about the maintenance of our winter roads. Carol Moffatt posted a picture on Facebook the other weekend of the deplorable conditions on Hwy 35 at 1:30 p.m. It seems like Carillion has a clause in their contract about sleeping in on weekends, or for that matter, any days of the week.

I had the unfortunate opportunity of experiencing the effect of "minimum standards" first-hand. My five-year-old daughter and I were coming back from the dump, singing and laughing, you know - those special moments. We were rounding a left hand turn on an unplowed county road at 10:45 a.m. on a Sunday. Before I knew it, we were sideways. This was where it all slowed down. In what seemed like forever, I pulled back the first slide, looked at all the options - roll down an embankment or pinball down the guard rail further on, and decided on action. I picked the beginning of the guard rail and slammed into it driver's side. I go over the scenario again and again. It

happened so fast yet went so slow. I had time to look at my daughter and tell her to hold on. The impact was hard and luckily the rail gave and absorbed some energy.

We weren't going fast. I had good winter tires and was aware of the conditions. In a fraction of a second you're out of the groove and just along for the ride. In the eyes of the insurance, we should have stayed home. Yes it was my fault but I can't help but think how many accidents could have been avoided this year if the "minimum standards" were a little higher.

So, you're all wondering how we are? My daughter is fine, not even a sore muscle. I had a good hit driver's side but I will be fine. The van? Well, time to go shopping. Every time I drive by the spot, I see all the different outcomes the day could have had. This one seemed like the best case scenario. One slight distraction and that was it. But let's up the bar here MTO, help us out a bit.

Tim Tofflemire
Haliburton

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letters to the editor

Let's share community promotional space

To the Editor,

The Highlands are an amazing place to live. One look at any community bulletin board covered with flyers and posters will show the wide variety of events, fundraisers and opportunities being organized and offered on an ongoing basis. For those of us that are involved in promoting the activities of non-profit organizations, these boards are an important resource for getting the word out. Recently, it has become more and more difficult to do that because of the limited promotional "real estate" and the way that it is being used by some organizations. Larger posters – larger than 8 ½ x 11 – take up more than their fair share of promotional space, especially when that space is limited. Additionally, some events have two or three flyers/posters on every board in sight. Please, be sensitive to the efforts of other organizations and their hard working volunteers: design flyers and posters that "fit in" the local promotional landscape and leave space for others to promote their hard work as well.

Thom Lambert

Put our best word forward

To the Editor,

RE: the tourism saying I can't even bring myself to write.

Several years ago when I moved to this county, I asked a lodge owner why he hired university students from elsewhere as summer workers when the unemployment rate among local people was so high. His response was that guests who were paying big dollars for vacations did not want to be served by wait staff who said "youse people."

Was he wrong, has that changed, or do the tourism marketing people think being so revoltingly ungrammatical will generate more new business than it loses?

Bob Smith

Stop with the hashtags

To the Editor,

RE: "Write Grammatical"

While the increasing use of incorrect #grammar (and #spelling for that matter) throughout our #culture and #society is deplorable, even more #insidious is the #proliferation of the use of #tags to attempt to draw attention to #trivial topics or news stories. Frankly, I am #"hashtagged out." In my opinion the #government should enact a law #restricting the use of ###s to situations involving the #"weighing of meat" or when there is a limitation on the number of characters, like when using #Twitter, and you are making reference to the #number or #quantity of things.

Honest, if #everybody is using ####s, how do we #differentiate real #important stuff from the #mere trivial stuff?

**#concerned citizen
#Walter Tose**

Powerboat race an eco-hazard

To the Editor,

Re: Head Lake to host powerboat race event

Council and *The Echo* have ignored the fact that this event will have a negative impact on the ecology of Head Lake. For example, we know that such motorized craft churn up sediment to the extent that the gills of aquatic insects (fish food) become clogged and die, especially near the shoreline. Such a race will also generate massive amounts of greenhouse gases and contribute to global warming. Of course having this event will not kill the planet, nor would rejecting the event save the planet. It would only be symbolic to reject hosting the race in Haliburton. But symbols matter. I would never drive a Hummer truck to a Highlands Land Trust birding walk at the Dahl Forest, just as I would not wear a real fur coat to a vegetarian restaurant. The health of our community depends on community leadership promoting symbols that heal, not degrade our locale. Reeve Murray Fearrey is "ready to rumble." Is he ready to race a kayak?

Oliver Zielke

Communicate clear

To the Editor,

Regarding Ms. Bell's letter "A grammatical disgrace" and Mr. Bush's letter "Two wrongs don't make a right," I wholeheartedly concur. To the county tourism committee members, please, communicate clear!

**Sean Pennylegion
Haliburton**

Online Opinions: Tweets and messages from readers

What outcome are you hoping for on Groundhog Day?

Jason Glecoff
I'm hoping the groundhog doesn't notice the sun, stays out too long and gets a sunburn.

Wendy Evenden
I'm hoping I don't keep waking up over and over again like Bill Murray did.

April Aldridge-Lauricella
I always hope to see a groundhog in a bikini... but that would be weird. Everyone knows they prefer a one piece!

Haliburton County Snowmobile Association
Another 52 weeks of sledding would be perfect!

Bob Noble
Spring comes sooner than later.

Pat Sedgwick
Doesn't matter. Winter isn't over until mid March anyways.

Jo Hughey
More winter.

Yvonne Lepage
More winter - 40 and 30 feet of snow. Let it snow, let it snow.

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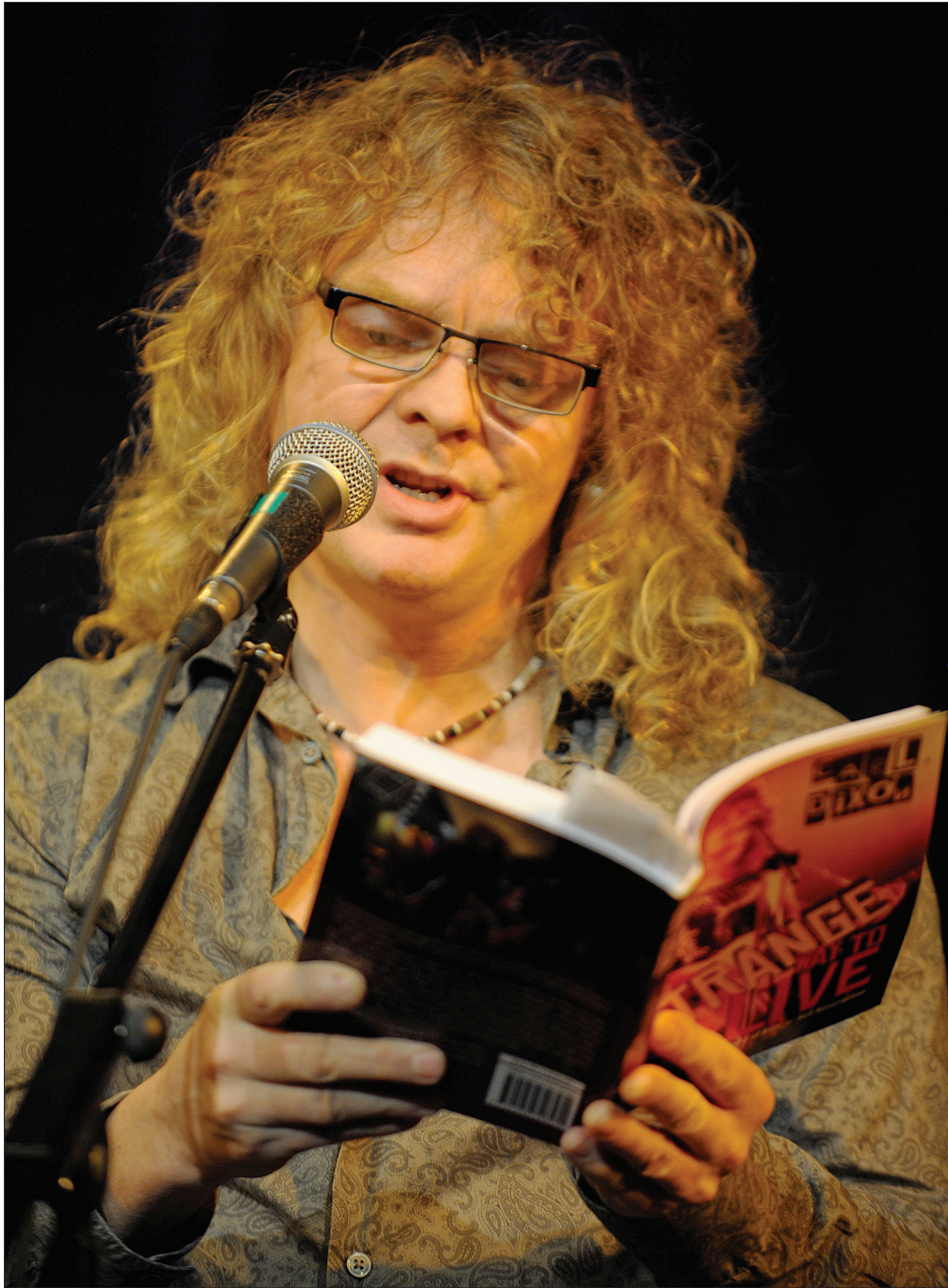
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Storytime with Carl

Local musician and recently published author Carl Dixon reads at the launch of his book *Strange Way to Live* at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on Thursday, Jan. 29 in Haliburton. Dixon was interviewed by Mike Jaycock, read from his book and sang songs. Dixon is known for his work with Coney Hatch, The Guess Who and April Wine. His book is available at Master's book store.

Darren Lum / Staff

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TLDSB facing tough decisions due to decreasing enrolment

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff Reporter

Declining numbers in public schools is a trend being seen across the province and the Trillium Lakelands District School Board is following suit.

At a TLDSB board meeting on Jan. 27, officials looked at a student enrolment report prepared by Dianna Scates, as well as multi-year enrolment projections and facility capacity numbers for area schools.

Superintendent of ICT, elementary/secondary operations and alternate education, Scates prepared a breakdown of student populations in elementary and secondary schools and told the board TLDSB was expecting a three per cent decline in elementary school populations in the next year and a 5.4 per cent decline for secondary schools.

Among Haliburton County schools, Archie Stouffer Elementary School had one of the highest student populations, with about 403 students attending, including special education students.

JDH Elementary School had 301 on average, compared to Cardiff Elementary School with 54 students and Wilberforce Elementary School with 60.

Stuart Baker Elementary School has about 290 students.

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School has about 472 students attending on a daily basis.

"Although we do project declines, the declines are tapering off," said Bob Kaye, TLDSB superintendent of business.

In terms of capacity, all but one of the area schools are currently being underutilized, with the most stark example being at Cardiff ES, which has a maximum capacity of 250.

SBES is the only school currently over-capacity, with a ministry capacity set at 224. However, that number does not include portables or other additional buildings, just the footprint of the building.

"This report for us is an annual occurrence," said director of education Larry Hope. "I'm fairly certain that in the coming days and weeks we're going to hear more about revised accommodation review guidelines from the Ministry of Education."

Hope said he anticipates the board will have a more formal look at the situation in about a month's time.

"They [the ministry] have promised us that they want us, the school board, to take a really close look at facilities that are underused at this point in time," said Hope. "I will remind folks ... it may seem like in some schools that we have a lot of empty space but when you walk in there we actually don't."

Hope said the board will be taking a good look at the facilities and guidelines going forward.

"They [the ministry] are taking this very seriously," he said.



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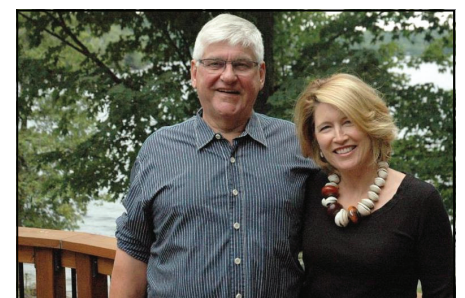
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Haliburton Legion looks to sell extra building

ANGELICA BLENICH
Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a Jan. 26 meeting of Dysart et al council.

The Haliburton Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129 is looking to sell a building they own, located next to the legion's main building on Mountain Street.

The legion has filed a severance proposal with the municipality requesting permission to sever the land where their two buildings are located into two parcels.

According to a staff report from municipal director of planning Pat Martin, the legion is making this request in order to sell the westerly building, which was most recently used as a private boys school.

In a letter council received from legion president Bill Timms, it states that during the past few months the

legion received a serious offer to purchase the cinder block building situated on their property.

"The building was purchased in 1989, by the members, with the intention of renovation and rental units," says the letter. "Over the years several organizations have rented the building which provided extra income for the legion. The building has sat empty since June 2014 with no serious future rental proposals. The executive agreed to initiate sale proceedings with the membership. This sale and some of the money will be used for much needed renovations to the existing Legion building. Left-over funds will be put into a long-term investment."

According to the letter, a vote was taken by legion members in December 2014 and the sale of the building was approved.

Martin recommended council support the general principal of the proposal and said it did conform to provincial policy.

Council supported the proposal, which is set to come back at a future meeting.

Members of the Legion confirmed to the paper that

a conditional offer to purchase the building was on the table but would provide no further comment as to who the buyer was.

Council faces budget deficit due to extreme weather in 2014

The municipality is starting out the year in a tough financial position due to unforeseen weather circumstances that wreaked havoc on area roads last year.

Treasurer Barbara Swannell reported to councillors that Dysart was facing a \$282,000 deficit at the end of 2014.

"And that's all due to the flood," asked Reeve Murray Fearrey, referring to severe rainfall that was experienced during the spring and summer months.

Swannell said that had contributed to it, as well as higher than expected winter maintenance for the roads department in 2014.



Strong and Free

Rails End curator Laurie Jones, right, speaks to members at the opening reception of Strong and Free on Jan. 24.

Strong and Free, this year's members' show at Haliburton's Rails End Gallery, opened with a well-attended salon on Jan. 24. A theme of Canadiana runs strong through the works from artists of varying skill levels and experience. Works run a gamut of mediums from acrylic and oil paintings to clay to carvings. They are for sale. The exhibition is on until March 20.



Man of Secrets by Keith Rydberg is one of the many peices by local artists that make up the Strong and Free exhibit.



Humours of Haliburton

Helen Vella's Humours of Haliburton includes sketches of some well-known Hailburton personalities. The sketches of musicians were completed by Vella as she watched them perform. Others are based on photographs. With so many characters in the community, Vella said it's likely there'll be another installment.

Photos by Chad Ingram



Three's a Pear by Barbara Joy Peel.

Winter Games gives athletes A Taste of Highlands

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The Haliburton Highlands is giving this year's Ontario 55+ athletes A Taste of the Highlands and a chance to beat Matt Duchene.

This offering is part of the games' entertainment on the second night, which is being offered in place of the "big show" that took place the last time the games were held here.

The middle night entertainment coordinator and games organizing committee member Marci Mandel said this is an exciting opportunity for the visitors and the area.

"Local chefs and caterers, at 13 venues, will show off their talents and feature local foods and cuisine. Each venue will provide a unique experience including musical entertainment, beer and wine tasting, gallery displays and interactive games," she said. "The middle night has been designed to be a relaxing, casual and entertaining evening of good food and fun all located at or near athletes' accommodations. For competitors travelling to their dinner venue, shuttles will be provided to enable leisurely comings and goings."

There will be 13 parties for senior athletes at participating venues all over the Highlands on Feb. 18. They include Bark Lake, Peppermill, Sandy Lane Resort, McKecks, Haliburton Highlands Museum, the Royal Canadian Legion in Minden, the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, Sir Sam's Ski and Bike, Heather Lodge, Bonnie View Inn, Rhubarb, Trading Bay and the Pinestone Resort, which will host a trade show to give exposure to things to do in the area. At the other locations, specific activities will be provided, including two Matt Duchene Shootout Challenge contests.

At Sandy Lane Resort in Halls Lake, Matt Wilbee of Minden and his dad Andy, who works in Haliburton at the arena, will help to run the Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA) Matt Duchene Shootout Challenge.

"In my opinion the snap shot is the quickest," he said, adding it's also the most accurate.

Wilbee, a centre for the Highland Storm and the Red Hawks hockey teams, remembers beating the challenge (9:06) with a time of 8:13 seconds two years ago. He improved on it with a time of 7:11 at his grandmother's, following his Grade 8 graduation when he was surprised by Duchene and the OMHA, who brought the challenge.

Winter Games general manager Myke Malone said it was a no-brainer to add the interactive hockey skills competition to the evening's entertainment because of its interactivity and the local connection with NHLer Matt Duchene.

"In Haliburton County and you got a game called the Matt Duchene Shootout then we'll take it," he said, referring to his reaction when it was offered by an OMHA representative, which led to getting the two set ups for free. He said the 65+ players will be at Bark Lake and the 55+ players will join the Wilbees at Sandy Lane.

The prizes include an autographed Matt Duchene jersey and an autographed Cody Hodgson stick. The challenge is only open to athletes and will be an ongoing activity for the evening, starting at 5:30 p.m.

"Some of the guys will be looking to beat little Matt's score and the other ones [at Bark Lake] will be looking to beat big Matt's score," he said.

Malone said it was a perfect fit to get Wilbee because of his 2013-2014 win and his connection to the area.

Minden's Matt Wilbee, left, stands with Matt Duchene when the NHLer came to congratulate the Highlands teen for being the winner of the Matt Duchene Shootout Challenge two years ago. Wilbee and his dad will help to run the OMHA Matt Duchene Shootout Challenge at Sandy Lane Resort, which is part of A Taste of the Highlands for the Ontario Senior Games on Feb. 18. Submitted by OMHA



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HE looks at major road investments this year

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff Reporter

Some significant work is set to be done on Highlands East roads this year following a review of an updated roads needs study.

At a Jan. 26 meeting of council, road superintendent Earl Covert requested the municipality keep the roads capital budget similar to what it was in 2014 and was seeking permission to tender for new equipment.

In a document prepared by the director, Covert said the roads capital budget was \$610,000 last year.

Projected capital projects for 2015 include reconstructing and surface treating the West Eels Lake Road at a cost of \$175,000, a new Irondale Bridge to the tune of \$400,000 and the replacement of twin pipes on the West Eels Lake Road at a cost of \$30,000.

Covert was also requesting a new plow truck with required equipment, which was estimated at \$225,000, as well as a new one tonne costing \$100,000.

Capital projects completed in 2014 include the reconstruction and surface treatment of Magnificent Road, the reconstruction and paving of Monck Road and the purchase of a new loader and broom. The department also paid \$110,000 last year towards the debt of the new sand dome.

Many of the capital projects were expected to get partial funding from outside sources, such as the Federal Gas Tax Program and other grants, according to Covert.

Councillors approved the tendering of a new one tonne truck and a new tandem truck.

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United giving

The Haliburton United Church Women's secretary treasurer, Doris Laine, far left front, and its president, Sue Nicholson gave a \$500 cheque to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation executive director Dale Walker and board of directors member Don Popple. The United Church Women members Diane Blanchard, left back, Jacqueline Metcalf, Lynne Bertrand, Janet Tedford, Barb Harrison, Roberta McCombe, Elizabeth Matthews and Diana McCullough were also in attendance. The money, which was raised through the UCW's catering jobs last year, will contribute to the HHHS Palliative Centre. Over the years the UCW has contributed close to \$3,000 to the HHHS.

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- Large 4 bdrm renovated in town
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In-town Building lots



- Two adjacent prime downtown lots
- Walking distance to all amenities
- Municipal hookups water/sewer avail.
- Starting at \$44,900

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- 3.9 acres close to Haliburton
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Gloria Carnochan 754-1932

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- Executive estate neighbourhood; Large lots
- 42 acres of shared parkland & a pond
- A quiet country setting with south exp
- Only 5 min to Haliburton Village

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Koshlong Lake Area \$79,900



- 29+ acres near Koshlong Lake
- Abuts road allowance to lake
- Part commercial zoning
- Year round access

Susanne James & Andy Mosher 457-2128 x 33

Large Haliburton Building Lot \$30,000



- 5.08 acres with great access off Hwy 118
- Driveway is installed, great privacy
- Hydro, phone & high speed at the lot line
- 3 km from Haliburton Village

Valerie Kulla 286-2138

Haliburton Commercial \$229,000



- Wonderful downtown location
- Currently used as a triplex
- Commercially zoned for future
- Private parking

Denise LeBlanc 286-2138 x 23

NEW PRICE

Great Starter Cottage \$105,000



- 3 bedroom starter cottage
- Private setting
- Township road
- Public access to clear Lake across the road

David Lee 286-2138 x 27

Eagle Lake Home \$229,000



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Greg Stamp 457-2128 x 28

Keefer Street Lot \$59,900



- Wonderful country setting, mature trees
- Walking distance to downtown Haliburton
- Preferred neighbourhood, fine homes
- Last lot available on this dead end street

Kim Stamp 457-2128 x 24

SOLD

Glamor Lake \$569,000



- 5 bdrm, 3 bath, master w/ensuite
- WO to lakeside deck from master, kit & livingrm
- WO bsmt, landscaped lot, perennial gardens
- 3 car gar. with storage, + out buildings, custom dock

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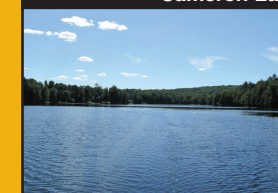
Maple Lake \$469,900



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- 3 lots to choose from starting at \$125,000
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- Year round access
- Quiet clean lake

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Tedious Lake \$519,000



- Newly built 3 bedroom, 2 bath cottage
- 2+ acres, 150' water ftg & stunning sunsets
- Open concept layout with cathedral ceilings
- Full & finished walkout basement

Andrea Wilson 457-2128 x 25

New Haliburton Home \$359,000




- 3 bdrms and 1 1/2 baths w/ large & open living area
- 2700 Sq ft of living space above ground w/ lots of windows & decks
- Brand new 2 storey with lower floor apartment
- Large private backyard & a garage with a finished Bunkie

Andrew Hodgson 286-2138 x 29

NEW LISTING

Stunning Waterfront Lot \$299,000



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Karah Casey Moynes



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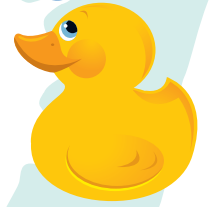


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Jan. 6 /14



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March 10,
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Hartlee Elizabeth May Reynolds



October 25,
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Proud parents Brooke Reid & Larry Reynolds

Olivia Petronella Emmerson



Dec. 1 /14
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April 15,
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Lauren Ann Hutson



September
19, 2014
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Proud parents
Sara and Ryan Hutson of Bracebridge
Very proud grandparents
Glenda and Ken Kirchner of Burlington
Kathy & Bill Hutson of Haliburton

New IT business moves into Haliburton Village

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff Reporter

James Keller has loved computers since he was a child. An information technology professional, Keller, 35, is now sharing that love with Highlanders with the creation of his IT start-up company Lime.

A lover of key lime pie, Keller used the dessert as the quirky name for his company, which specializes in web and graphic design, computer repairs, and IT support on a home and business level.

"I basically started out doing programming as a kid," he said. "I needed an outlet for my creativity."

Later in life Keller attended college, where he graduated with diplomas in computer programming and network administration. He also earned certifications in CompTIA A+, Network+, Security+ and Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE).

Some of Keller's past work experience includes building computers for a Woodbridge-based company and doing contract work for Microsoft, specifically their Xbox division, he said. He also did contract work for IBM before moving to Haliburton County in 2012.

Seeing a void in the community, Keller decided to start his own business in September of last year.

"I decided to start my own IT business because people were calling me for IT help," he said.

One thing Keller specializes in is cloud backup, which ensures vital documents and information are protected and never lost.

The service is particularly useful for businesses, said Keller.

"It's actually stored in Canada," he said of the info. "A lot of cloud backup providers I've dealt with are throwing data overseas or to the United States ... in Canada the privacy laws are a bit more strict."

Lime operates primarily from Keller's home office in Haliburton, however site visits can also be arranged. Lime offers free assessments.

He also accepts old computers or laptops, which he refurbishes and donates to someone in need. To date he has donated two computers.

Since moving to the area Keller has been embracing the community, volunteering with Food4Kids and at Lake-side Church.

You can find informative posts about computing and monthly giveaways on the Lime Facebook page, Facebook.com/abiglme.ca.

To contact Keller, email info@abiglme.ca or call 705-457-0715.

More info can be found at his website, www.abiglme.ca.



James Keller is one of the most recent entrepreneurs to set-up business in Haliburton, establishing his own IT company Lime last September. Keller offers many IT services such as network support and web and graphic design. He has lived in the Highlands since 2012.

Angelica Blenich / Staff

Newbatt's appliances and mattresses to become part of Home Hardware

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Staff Reporter

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After a long history in Haliburton Village, Newbatt's Appliances and Mattresses is starting a new chapter.

Earlier this year, Walkers Home Hardware owner/operator Jerry Walker announced he had purchased Newbatt's from owner Wayne de Jong and would be folding the appliance store into his hardware business.

De Jong purchased the appliance and mattress store in December 1998 and decided it was time to sell it as he was looking towards retirement.

Since purchasing Home Hardware last year, Walker has been considering expanding the store to include appliances, and so the partnership made sense for both owners.

"This way it works out well for both of us," said Walker.

Newbatt's has been in business in Haliburton Village since the 1940s, when it was started by Cliff Newbatt, said de Jong.

"Cliff used to put the fridges on the cart and go from house to house trying to sell them," said de Jong. "My how things have changed."

Cliff eventually sold the business to his daughter, who ran it until selling it to de Jong.

Originally from Port Perry, de Jong used to own a bakery before moving to the Highlands.

"It was a good decision," he said about buying Newbatt's. "It worked out well."

Home Hardware will now be a Frigidaire appliance store, and will carry the same stock Newbatt's did, including dishwashers, washers and dryers and mattresses, said Walker.

De Jong plans to share his knowledge of appliances by working with Walker at the hardware store a few days a week.

De Jong is looking forward to slowing down his career



Haliburton Home Hardware owner Jerry Walker, right, and Newbatt's Appliances and Mattresses owner Wayne de Jong stand outside the Newbatt's location on Dysart Avenue at the end of 2014. The business owners announced Walker was purchasing Newbatt's, a long standing Haliburton company, and folding it into the hardware store this year.

Angelica Blenich / Staff

and spending more time in Florida during the winter months as well as gardening, a passion of his, during the summer months.

The building where Newbatt's was located, at 7 Dysart Ave., continues to belong to de Jong, who said a new business will be moving in.

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Sports



In the zone

The J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School Jaguars volleyball player Samantha Pamplin, top photo, spikes a ball; Natalya Gimon blocks; Pamplin leaps to block in the Senior Girls District Volleyball Tournament on Wednesday, Jan. 28 in Haliburton. The Jaguars, who came back back from a 1-0 deficit to beat the Woodville Wolves 2-1, finished the tournament with one win and two losses. They entered the tournament with a second place at the Senior Girls Zone Volleyball Tournament.

Darren Lum Staff



Haliburton's Trailer Park Boys, which includes Steve Miscio, left, Ryan Scheffee, Jesse Johnson, Brad Park, Ryan Wood and Jeremy Miscio, fell five points shy of defending their recreation division title at the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships from Jan. 23 to 25 in Huntsville. The Boys were down 7-0 to the Beauties in the final before they tied it up 9-9, but ended up losing 13-9. The team plans to play in the championships next year. Submitted by Brad Park.

Boys' run worthy of praise

Darren Lum

Staff Reporter

Haliburton's Trailer Park Boys (TPB) are deserving of praise for their recent performance at the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships from Friday, Jan. 23 to 25 in Huntsville.

The defending recreation division Canadian National Hockey champions are still smiling despite the narrow defeat to a team they beat last year in Haliburton, said team spokesperson and player Brad Park.

Throughout the weekend Park provided regular dispatches, which were tweeted by *Echo* reporter Darren Lum, of the team's dominant run up until the nail biter final against

the Beauties.

The TBP dominated their opponents, outscoring the opposition 140 to 43 during their seven-game winning streak up until the final.

"The highlight of the tournament was in the finals being down 7-0, then coming back and only it being tied at 9-9 and losing 13-9. It just goes to show how fast the game can change," he said.

Although the Haliburton team played well, Park thought the competition has improved.

He adds the larger playing areas, relative to Haliburton, provided a greater challenge in moving the puck in the offensive zone.

The team included Steve Miscio of West Guilford and Haliburton's Ryan Scheffee, Jesse Johnson, Brad

Park, Ryan Wood and Jeremy Miscio. Park said the team has every intention of returning next year to reclaim their recreation division title.

TPB road to the final

Round robin:

Fri -Moose Knuckles 17-2 win
Sat-Mighty Drunks 32-7 win
Sat-Gretzky's Grandkids 22-6 win
Sat-Killer Bees 23-9 win
Sun-(Markham team) 15-6 win

Playoffs:

Sun -quarter-finals-Beeton Broncos 17-7 win
Sun-semi-finals-BOMB Corporate 14-6 win
Sun-finals-Beauties 13-9 loss

Notice



Municipality of Dysart et al

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NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION AND
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PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

• **DATE:**

Monday March 2nd, 2015

• **TIME:**

5:00 pm

• **LOCATION:**

Council Chambers in the Municipal Office
135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario

APPLICATIONS:

1. Lands of Gigore/King and part of the Lands of Brydon:

- Purpose and Effect: to zone the lands for the intended suburban residential use and implement appropriate zone provisions for the Gigore/King property.
- Zone change from R1-2 and RS to RS-xx.
- This application is a condition of application for consent H-049/14.
- Location: Part Lot 11, Concession 8, Geographic Township of Dysart (5018 and 5030 County Road 21).

2. Dailyde and Tamulaitis

- Purpose and Effect: to zone the lands for the intended waterfront residential use and implement appropriate zone provisions. In particular, the location of the existing buildings are recognized and a 30 metre structure setback is implemented next to the EP zone.
- Zone change from WR4L to WR3L-xx and WR4L-xx.
- The EP zone is not changed by this by-law.
- This application is a condition of application for consent H-017/14.
- Location: Part Lot 2, Concession 2, Geographic Township of Harcourt (Grace Lake, 1064 Bovenizer Trail).

3. General Housekeeping Amendment to By-law 20015-120

- Purpose and Effect: the Municipality is considering a general housekeeping amendment to By-law 2005-120 to address to following matters:
 - Definition - Average Finished Grade: change so consistent with Building Code.
 - Definition - Dwelling: does not include a shipping container etc.
 - Definition - High Water Mark: as shown on a current survey.
 - Definition - Home Industry: does not include a bed and breakfast.
 - Definition - Marina: the sale of propane is permitted.
 - Definition - Legal Non-Complying Lot: clarify start date.
 - General Provision – Encroachments into Setbacks/Non-Complying Structures and Lots: clarify that decks within 10 m of the high water mark can be replaced but not expanded.
 - General Provision - Non-Complying Structures: conveyance of land for a public use does not affect status.
 - General Provision - Quonset Hut: expand to include corrugated steel building.
 - Residential Zones - add as a permitted use to RR, RS, R1 and R2 zones: semi-detached and duplex dwellings.
 - Residential Zones - add as a permitted use to RR zone: hobby farm.
 - Residential Zones – increase lot area to 4000 m² in WR3, WR3L, WR4 and WR4L zones.
 - Residential Zones - in all WR zones increase the maximum gross floor area for a main building to 372 m².
 - Residential Zones - in all WR zones and the RR zone permit an additional accessory building, which is less than 10 m².
 - Residential Zones - restrict 1 storey accessory buildings to 5.5 m in height.
 - Rural Zones - add as a permitted use to RU1 and RU2 zones: semi-detached and duplex dwellings.
 - Update zones for specific properties.
- Location: This amendment applies to all lands within the Municipality, except those lands in Algonquin Provincial Park.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of Dysart et al before the proposed zoning by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Municipality of Dysart et al to the Ontario Municipal Board.

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FURTHER INFORMATION: including the draft by-law is available from the Planning Department at the Municipality Office during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Dated at the Township of Dysart, this 3rd day of February, 2015.

Patricia Martin, B.E.S., MCIP, RPP
Director of Planning and Development

Storm takes on Flames

The next series of playoff games have begun for the Bantam A team against the Penetang Flames. The first game was played in Haliburton last Wednesday and the Storm took the lead with a 3-2 win. Both teams came out flying, but it was Penetang that got on the scoreboard first, capitalizing on a power play. The Storm rallied early in the second after being down 2-0. It was Patterson-Smith that finally broke through with a vengeance, obtaining a hat trick. Goals were assisted by Devyn Prentice, Cooper, Flood, Manning and O'Neill. A great game by all.

The Storm travelled to Penetang for Game 2 on Saturday and doused the Flames 4-2. The Storm dominated most of the game. Starting early in the first, a perfect pass by Dollo to Cooper, he top cornered it over the goalie. Shortly after, the Flames tied it up during a power play. Early in the second, Manning rushed in and picked up his own shot and snapped it in, now 2-0 for the Storm. Patterson-Smith grabbed the puck and manoeuvred in nicely passed the defence and saw the opening, making it 3-1 for the Storm, ending the second period. The Flames managed to close the gap early in the third, making it 3-2. The Storm held that lead late into the third period. Garbutt fired in an empty netter, securing the win.

On February 1st the Highland Storm Bantam A team travelled to Penetang for their third game of the second round of playoffs. The first period was a back and forth battle with two goals for Storm by Kyle Cooper both assisted by Ben Schmidt ending the first in a 2-2 tie. In the second, Kyle Cooper got things moving early with another goal, gaining him a hat trick, assisted by Carter O'Neill. Later, in the second, Aidan Garbutt shot from the point and gained Storm another. This ended the second with a 4-3 lead. The Penetang Flames fought hard in the third but Ojoe Patterson-Smith sealed the deal with a goal assisted by Ben Schmidt. Great job by all the Highland Storm Players! Hard work paid off and they are on their way to the next round of playoffs.

The Highland Storm Bantam A team is proudly sponsored by Smolen Dentistry.

Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke

Storm defeats Parry Sound 10-2

It was another busy weekend for the Tom Prentice and Sons Storm Tyke team. They travelled to Parry Sound on Saturday for a fun-filled day playing six games of three-on-three.

The teams were split in half and played separately. The mini tournament ended with a very close game of Storm taking on Storm in the semi-finals with a narrow win by one goal!

Sunday was a regular season game of Storm vs Parry Sound. Colby Coumbs got the game started with a nice goal assisted by Ty Rupnow and Kadin Card. Parry Sound squeaked a goal in. But the Storm quickly piled up seven more goals by Card, Rupnow, Coumbs, Jace Mills, Mak Prentice and Beckam Reynolds. Assists went to Prentice, Mills, Rupnow, Card, Cheyenne Degeer and Wyatt Raposo. It was a great game to watch with lots of passing and great defensive play and lots of saves by Chase Winder, ending the game 8-1 for Storm. That afternoon, Storm couldn't travel straight home without stopping in Huntsville for another excitement filled hockey game! Despite Storm feeling some fatigue from the busy weekend, they pulled out their reserves of energy

and took home another win, ending 10-2! Great team work, skill, fun and perseverance made this weekend one to remember! Thanks to the storm AP players, Aaron Neave, Beckam Reynolds and Nathan Morrison for helping out this weekend!

Submitted by Andrea Prentice

Otters get caught in Storm

On Saturday, Jan. 24 the JoAnne Sharp-ley's Atom AE team headed to Huntsville to play the Otters in Game 1. The Storm battled hard but the otters were ahead 2-0 at the end of the first. The Otters managed to get another in the second making it 3-0 going into the third and won the game with the final score being 11-0.

The Storm faced the Otters Jan. 31 in Haliburton for Game 2. The Storm played hard back and forth hockey but the otters managed to score two in the first. The second period the otters managed to get two more early in the period but the storm didn't give up. On the power play Dylan Keefer scored assisted by Chloe Billings and Kyan Hall. With 17 seconds left in the second Keefer scored another keeping the Storm within two. The Storm didn't back down playing end to end but fell short with the final score being 6-2.

Game 3 the Storm headed back to Huntsville. Down two games the Storm were focused and not going down without a fight. The Storm came out strong right off the first face off with a shot on net. Battling back and forth the score was 0-0 at the end of the first. The Storm played hard but the only scoring in the second was by the otters with two goals. The third period the Storm kept fighting back with a goal by Kaine Brannigan assisted by Curtis Mulock. Less than a minute later the Storm kept coming with another goal scored by Hall to tie up the game. The Otters managed to get another goal but Keefer put one for the Storm to tie it back up again. The Storm staying focused and wanting a Game 4 back in Haliburton kept going with another goal from Brannigan putting the storm ahead 4-3. Counting down the final two minutes the Storm controlled every play and won the game 4-3. Game 4 is in Haliburton Friday, Feb. 7 at 8 p.m. come cheer us on!

Submitted by Ron Hall

Peewee A team in playoffs

The Minden Pharmasave Peewee A team moved on to the second round of the playoffs after dominating two games over the weekend. On Friday, Jan. 30, the Highland Storm Minden Pharmasave Peewee A Team destroyed the Parry Sound Shamrocks with a 12-0 win. Highlight of the night was a hat trick scored by Cole Prentice! Additional scoring by Zach Morissette (2), Isaac Little (2), Aaron Bellefleur (1), Nigel Smith (1), Benn MacNaull and Alex Little (1). The following day saw a new team from Parry Sound as the Shamrocks seemed to have decided not to go down without a fight. With a goal for the Parry Sound in the first minute of the game, the Minden Pharmasave Peewees knew that they wouldn't have such an easy go of it this time. Playing shorthanded for 28 minutes they still managed to win 4-1 and move onto the next round. Goals scored by Joe Boice, Isaac Little (2) and Cole Prentice. Well done boys!

Submitted by Jennifer Little

My life as an acrobat

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A Senior's Moment

I never thought that I would become an acrobat or a world famous detective in these late days of my existence but that is exactly what has happened thanks to my old age, loss of physical co-ordination and slippery walking conditions.

I am aware of my acrobatic prowess when I first awaken in the morning and must move carefully to limber up the joints and muscles and this is even before attempting to get out of bed. Then comes the strategy session where I sit on the edge of the bed doing my deep breathing exercises to try to maximize the oxygen content in my lungs and circulatory system and plan my balancing walk to the washroom to perform whatever magic can be done to this apparatus called a human body.

Getting dressed proves to be an extreme test of physicality, balance and courage. Teetering on one leg at a time as on goes the underwear and trousers is just one of the tests.

Then with arms extended over my head to add confusion I try to don a T-shirt followed by a buttoned up one which requires unimaginable dexterity of hands to finish the job.

Putting on socks and shoes and trying to tie them up requires an abnormal amount of flexibility because I have to cross the legs over an XXX+ sized tummy. The movements leave me breathless with success or is that just breathless from the exertions.

Then with my wife's assistance, the dogs get leashed, and the kids and I leave for our walk. Of course, I must have a cane with spikes in the end to help me maintain my balance and stop me from sliding across the driveway. As we make our way carefully down the icy drive to the park, I notice that I am beginning to move like Agatha Christie's famous Belgian detective Hercule Poirot: swagger, slight list to one side and proud strut that says "See, we did it again."

So far on this day I have performed nearly all the exercises necessary to an acrobatic career and moved like a famed personality. What a start to a day and I do this almost every day!

I am grateful to have the time, ability and prowess to keep this up. Balancing. Deep breathing. Careful walking and achieving successes.

Think about it. Haliburton's seniors can achieve almost anything.



From left, this year's OSGA 55+ Winter Games gold, silver and bronze medals have been designed and made by Terry Craig, left, and Jennifer Wanless-Craig of Artech Studios in Tory Hill. Top, a close up of the gold medal. Photos submitted

Medals will wow competitors

Competitors at the 2015 Ontario 55+ Winter Games hosted by Haliburton County from Feb. 17 to 19 will be working even harder to achieve a podium placing when they see the medals presented to gold, silver and bronze medallists.

Similar to the award presented in 2011, the 2015 edition has been updated and stylized.

"We didn't see the point in re-inventing the wheel," said games chairman Alan Clark. "The competitors loved the medals in 2011, so we simply worked to make them even more attractive."

The medals have been designed and made by Jennifer

Wanless-Craig and Terry Craig of Artech Studios in Tory Hill.

"The goal was to take the 2011 model and make it smaller, more artistic and to better identify the gold, silver and bronze categories," games general manager Myke Malone said.

He adds, "Jenn and Terry took up the challenge and have produced a gorgeous medal."

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Sandersons retire from Outpost board

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Hilda Clarke
448-2018

Members of the Wilberforce Heritage Guild met for the annual general meeting of their organization on Monday, Jan. 19. The WHG's work of preserving and promoting the history of the area especially that of the Wilberforce Red Cross Outpost Historic House Museum in the year 2014 was reviewed. Guild members accomplished many of their objectives

by hosting special events, welcoming visitors to the Outpost Museum, employing a summer student guide for July and August, cataloguing artifacts and conducting fundraisers during the past year.

Financial and membership reports were received and approved.

After many productive years of serving on the WHG Kenneth Sanderson and Nadeen Sanderson are retiring from the board. Their efforts have been highly valued. They have promised that as life members of the guild they will be still available to volunteer when they wish to help out. Past president Cathy Agnew presented a slate of officers for 2015. New members welcomed were Linda Cameron and Richard Young. Returning member are Flo Elliott, Barb Schofield, Joan Noble, Hilda Clark, Jill Lee, Christine Hattin and Cathy Agnew. Highlands East councillor

appointee to WHG board is Joan Barton.

Visitors are welcome at monthly business meetings usually the first Monday of each month.

For information call 705-448-3000, view website www.redcrossoutpost.org. Another interesting site to visit is: www.haliburtonhighlandsheritage.ca.

Doors open will be hosted in Haliburton County this year in the communities of Highlands East. That special two-day celebration of special sites that will welcome visitors will be in early September. How time flies! Is it really four years since we had our turn? It rotates among the four municipalities in the county. A planning committee convenes this week.

Thanks to all who have been supportive of me this past week. It is great to have helpful family and friends.

Give euchre in West Guilford a try

community news

west guilford

Eleanor Cooper
754-2278

Since news is in short supply this night before news gives you a small write up of a regular Guilford event. It's been going on every Tuesday night at the centre for years. Many of the people who regularly attend had been inviting, encouraging and wanting me to attend. Finally I decided to give it a try. To my relief, no one expected me to know it all the first time or even the second, and and soon my mistakes became fewer. From the first I was made welcome and enjoyed the camaraderie over lunch and coffee served at the close of the game. Folks involved

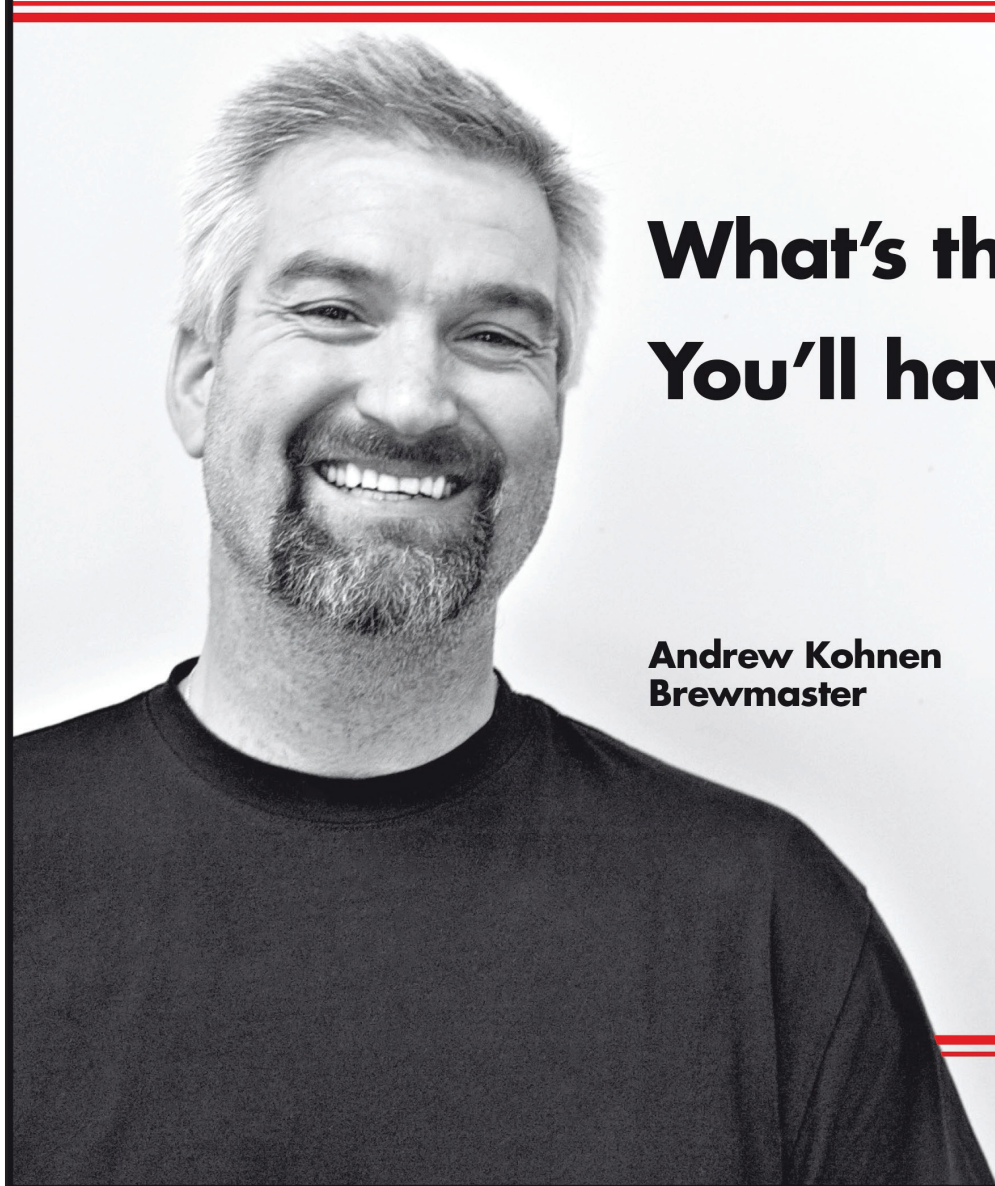
are genuinely interested in and concerned about one another, and of course all will enjoy Myra Marshall's baking and the attention she and Kay give us all over refreshments.

Ray Campbell looks after each person's \$2.50 at the door (and only if you wish it). A loonie you put in to 50-50 draw halfway through the evening.

Persons with the most lone hands, the highest score and the one with the lowest score each win a loonie, too. Yours truly is provided with the names of the above and usually I have them on hand. Just not this week when I admit to losing the list. I wish I could say it won't happen again, but I'll try to be a responsible score keeper in future. The bottom line is everyone is there to have fun and that is evident every single time you hear the laughs and partake in the kidding that goes on around the table. The number of the centre is 754-1605 if you'd like more details.

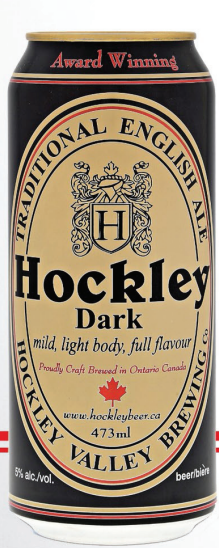
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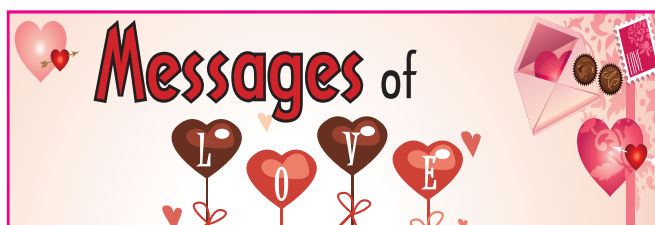
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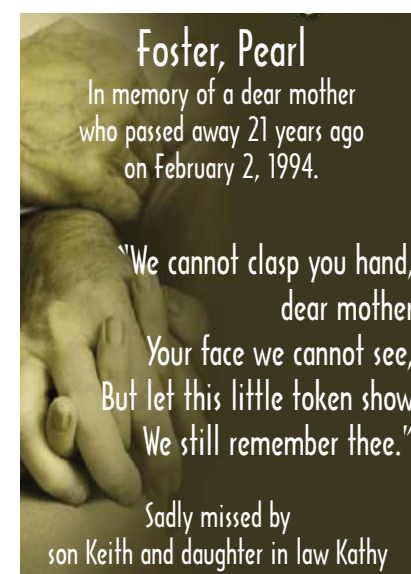
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Visitation, Funeral Service & Reception

Friends may call at **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy 118, Haliburton, Ontario 705-457-9209 on Friday evening, February 6, 2015 from 7 - 9 PM. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Saturday morning, February 7, 2015 at 11 o'clock (visitation one hour prior). Interment Evergreen Cemetery at a later date. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton United Church or the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary would be appreciated by the family.

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Glenn Urquhart (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)



It is with heavy hearts that the family announce Glenn's passing on Friday morning, January 30, 2015, in his 68th year. Beloved husband of Virginia 'Ginny'. Loving father of Taylor and Lauren. Dear brother of Ken (Michelle) and brother-in-law of Sharon Menard, Charles Menard and Shawn (Lisa) Menard. Fondly remembered by his nieces, nephews, other family and friends. Predeceased by his parents Andrew and Rita Urquhart.

Visitation, Funeral Service & Reception

Friends called at **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy 118, Haliburton, Ontario 705-457-9209 on Monday evening, February 2, 2015 from 7 - 9 PM. Funeral Service in the Chapel is on Tuesday, February 3, 2015 at 11 o'clock (Visitation one hour prior). As expressions of sympathy, donations to the HHHSF Palliative Care Unit or Family Council of Extendicare Haliburton would be appreciated by the family.

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ATKINSON, JOSEPH RALPH;

Peacefully at his home, on Friday, January 09, 2015 with his family by his side, in his 82nd year. Beloved husband of Donna. Loving, cherished and respected father of Dwane, Wendy, and Tricia and father-in-law of Doug and Eli. Treasured by grandchildren Sarah, Zachary, Haley and Xavier and extended family. With gratitude and warm thanks to Dr. Scott Coles and staff at Haliburton Highland Health Services, homecare nursing and PSW staff during his extended care. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Canadian Lung Association or North Entrance Masonic Lodge.

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Cty Rd 6 Lot.....	\$18,500	Kashagawigamog Home.....	\$1,180,000	Halbiem Home	\$515,000
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